26. (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid [molecule comprising a sequence of nucleotides or complementary to a sequence encoding a proteinaceous molecule having the following characteristics:

(i) comprises an amino acid sequence having at least about 15% similarity but at least about 5% dissimilarity to the sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:2; (ii) exhibits at least one property in common with vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF)] encoding or complementary to a sequence encoding a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence having at least about 70% similarity to SEO ID NO:6.

<u>Claim 27</u>, <u>lines 1 and 2</u>, delete "the proteinaceous molecule" and insert therefor --said polypeptide--.

Claim 28, lines 1 and 2, delete "the proteinaceous molecule" and insert therefor --said polypeptide--.

Claim 30, line 1, delete "1" and insert therefor --26--.

Claim 30, line 1, delete "molecule" both occurrences and insert --nucleic acid-- after "said".

## Please add the following new claims:

--43. A process for the production of a biologically active VEGF-like protein comprising expressing a nucleic acid molecule encoding a polypeptide having at least about 70% similarity to SEQ ID NO:6 in a host and isolating said VEGF-like protein.